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(*b*) what action has been taken by them to avoid such difficulties ; and

(*c*) have the Government considered the desirability of empowering Anchal Masters to receive such remittances ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) these do not arise.

Constituting Kuttanad as a separate taluk.

11. ***Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received representations from the people of Kuttanad that Kuttanad should be made a separate taluk; and

(*b*) whether any action has been taken by Government upon such representations ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) They were recorded as they did not convey a practicable proposition.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar : May I know, Sir, whether Government are aware that the Kuttanad area comes under various taluks ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao . Yes.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know, Sir, whether Government are aware that the physical features also of this area are different from the rest of the portions of the taluk?

Mr. M Ramachandra Rao: yes.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar : May I know, Sir, whether practical difficulties are being experienced by the Kuttanad people in not having a separate taluk ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao : When this matter was brought up once before, it was explained that the question of having a separate taluk for Kuttanad could not be taken into consideration till the next revenue settlement.

Use of milled rice.

12. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether milled rice is being used in Oottupuras and Government managed temples and jails; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative the total quantity of milled rice used in all the temples under Government management as well as in the Oottupuras and jails under Government in 1113 and 1114 specifying the total amount used in Oottupuras, jails and temples ?

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Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : (*a*) Milled rice is used for *Sadyas* in temples and Oottupuras. It is not used in the Central Prison.

(*b*) The average annual quantity of milled rice used in all the Government temples and Oottupuras is about 22,400 paras.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : As regards the answer to part (*a*) may I know whether milled rice is not being used in sub-jails?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : It is being used in sub-jails.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : What will be the quantity of such rice used in sub-jails?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : About 10,000 paras, in jails.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether milled rice has been declared to be not as good for consumption as hand-pounded rice?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : Hand-pounded rice is considered to be more nutritious.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know why milled rice has been used for consumption when it is known that hand—pounded rice is better than milled rice?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : Contractors are engaged for the supply of rice and they supply milled rice.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether Government have not got any discretion to compel them to supply the best quality of rice or is it left to the will and pleasure of the contractors to supply whatever rice they chose?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : The supply is made according to the agreement.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know from the member whether according to the terms of the agreement the contractors are bound to supply milled rice or hand-pounded rice?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : They must supply rice of good quality.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Is it then the view of Government that milled rice is as good as or better than hand-pounded rice?

Mr. M K. Nilakanta Aiyar : It is not a question of comparison at all. Both milled rice and hand-pounded rice may be equally good.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know from the member whether a very large proportion of the population is not engaged in this hand-pounding business?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : It was the case some 30 or 40 years ago but it is not the case now.

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Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar; May I know whether other Governments have condemned milled rice and issued orders to use hand-pounded rice?

Mr. M K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Government are not aware.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan (*Pro-Vice-Chancellor University of Travancore*): I would suggest that the honourable member may consult Dr. Aykroyd who is here.

President: He cannot, as Dr. Aykroyd is not a member of this House.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know whether there is not a paucity of workmen for hand-pounding rice?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: That is a fact.

Electric lights for Perumbavoor.

13. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any requisition from the inhabitants of Perumbavoor town for providing them with electric light;

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative when was such requisition made;

(*c*) whether Government have accorded any sanction for providing the town with electric light;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative when was the sanction accorded and the reasons for the delay in providing the town with light; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative what were the reasons for the same?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: (*a*) Yes; there was a requisition from Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar.

(*b*) 6th Chingom 1115.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) In view of reply to (c) this does not arise.

(*e*) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With regard to the answer to part (c) may I know why the sanction of Government was not accorded yet?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: It was not applied for.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: What was the nature of the requisition referred to in the answer to part (a)?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar put in a petition to the Electrical Engineer saying that the supply of electrical energy should be extended to Perumbavoor.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the petition has been pending before Government?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: The petition has not come up to Government. The Electrical Engineer made the necessary enquiry.

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